



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Donoho *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/775,181 Examiner: R. Li
Filed: 02/01/01
Title: Novel Human Membrane Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same Atty. Docket No.: LEX-0129-USA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Final Office Action ("the Final Action") mailed on October 16, 2003 (Paper No. 20), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 20 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including March 16, 2003 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.